

GEORGE A. FISHER, founder and developer of the prosperous town of Keetley in Wasatch County, is one of the outstanding men of enterprise in the state. Mr. Fisher is a native of Utah and in the thirty years since he came to manhood has found many opportunities and outlets for his energies.

He was born at Park City, July 4, 1883. His parents were David and Mary A. (McDonald) Fisher. David Fisher was for many years superintendent of the Ontario Mine in the Park City district and was one of the pioneer mining men of the county.

George A. Fisher grew up at Park City, where he obtained his early education in public schools. In 1902 he was graduated after a business course at the Latter Day Saints University, and during the following four years he had an interesting experience in the newspaper field, being connected with the *Wasatch Wave* at Heber. From 1906 to 1916 he was a member of the United States forest service, and had several promotions during this time.

Since 1916 Mr. Fisher has given his time and effort primarily to live stock ranching. He organized the Heber Horse and Cattle Growers Association and the Wallsberg Live Stock Association, and in the interest of these two organizations he made six trips to Washington, seeking better regulations from the Interior Department with regard to the grazing lands in the Strawberry Reservoir district. These two associations were later merged as the Strawberry Valley Grazing Company, Incorporated, of which Mr. Fisher was president and general manager. In 1917 Mr. Fisher bought the Cluff-McDonald Ranch, ten miles north of Heber. This has been one of the chief properties under his ownership and management since that time. He has added several thousand acres to his original holdings and now has one of the largest ranches in individual ownership in Wasatch County. Upon the opening of the mines in this section, in 1922, Mr. Fisher established a store and platted the town of Keetley, which is located near the center of the Fisher Ranch. It is now one of the promising towns of Wasatch

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County, and in 1930 had a population of 250. Mr. Fisher also has interests in merchandising, live stock companies and mines in the district. He has extended \$50,000 of his personal means in the development of the town of Keetley, putting down sewers, bringing in power lines and telephones.

His activities as a business man have made him a public figure in Wasatch County and he has also received a number of honors in politics. In 1916 he was elected to the Utah Legislature and in 1922 was candidate for the State Senate. In 1920 he was elected a member of the Wasatch County School Board, serving eight years. During the World war he was chairman of the Wasatch County Chapter of the Red Cross and an active member of the County Council of Defense. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club of Heber City and the Latter Day Saints Church.

Mr. Fisher married, February 20, 1910, Miss Anna McMillan, of Heber City, daughter of William and Annie McMillan, who were early settlers in this district. They have four children: Ford, born in 1911; Wilson, born in 1916; Phyllis, born in 1918, and Marjorie, born in 1924.

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Graduate of the LDS Business College, where he served as associate editor of the school paper, "The Gold and Blue," for several years he was managing editor of the Wasatch Wave, weekly publication. He served as the first U. S. forest ranger in Wasatch and Duchesne Counties, from 1906 to 1916. He was a member of the Utah Legislature from Wasatch County in 1917.

George was the organizer and first president of the Heber Horse and Cattle Growers' Assn., member of the Wasatch County school board, past president of the Association of Western Public Land States, executive secretary of the Utah land board, chairman of the Wasatch County Chapter, American Red Cross, from 1917 to 1933. He was an accomplished writer of several published books of both prose and poetry. Mr. Fisher engaged in farming, sheep and cattle raising, mine contracting, motel and store business. He was the founder of the town of Keetley, Wasatch County, in 1922, where he made his home until his death, July 17, 1954.